

HOW TO WEIGH AN AIRPLANE
NOTE: THIS MEETING
HELD AT POV
MONDAY, MAY 16, AT 7PM
DINNER AT 6PM
PROGRAM AT 7PM

# PRESIDENT'S AIRSPACE

It's finally flying season! The weather is perfect - clear skies and light winds. The pattern is full of old pilots getting current and new students just starting! I had to partially close the hangar door so I could concentrate on writing this.

Congratulations go out to **Mark Atwood** for achieving the Commercial Pilot Certificate. Next stop, CFI!

There are also new members and new airplanes to celebrate – details below!

Fly-in season is upon us. Save the dates for **June 4th and 25th**. We'll do fly-in's at Lake County and Geauga County airports. Come out to have some fun and lend a hand. There are plenty of jobs and many hands make light work

Anyone got their new Flying magazine?

Most long time subscribers know the magazine was in a long decline but it was recently sold to a new owner who has really put the effort into it. It has gone to a quarterly format but what a difference, it's almost a coffee table book - check it out.

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Cathy Trepal - Cathy is sorta new to this flying thing but wants to learn more since her introduction to aviation by Brian S.

Josh Cerreta - Josh just bought a Sling Carbon, flew it here from Arkansas, rented a hangar at 7G8, and joined the chapter.

Josh w/first officer Minka.

**Brian Williams** - **Brian** has been around aviation for many years and is looking to become more involved

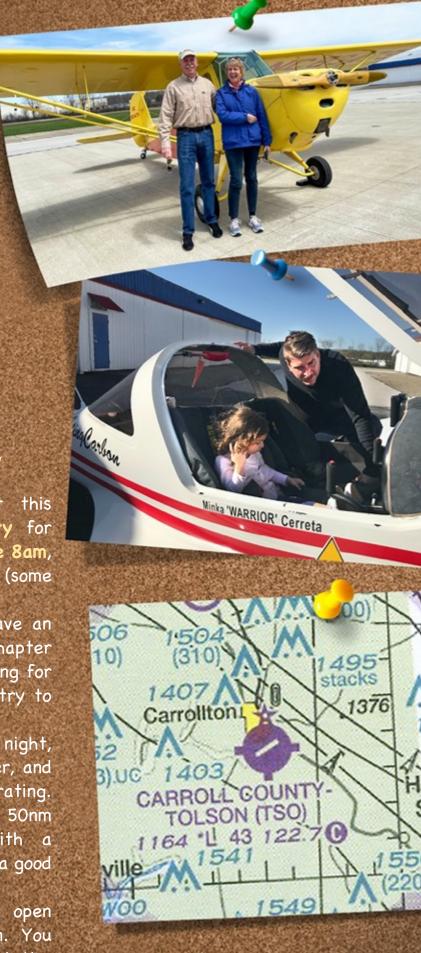
# FIRST OFFICIAL CHAPTER FLY-OUT OF THE SEASON — THIS SATURDAY

Come join us for a chapter fly-out this **Saturday May 14th** to **Carrol County** for breakfast. Meet up at the airport **before 8am**, so that we can plan on 8am departures. (some aircraft may leave sooner)

As with most of our fly-outs, if you have an extra seat please invite a fellow chapter member to fly with you. If you are looking for a seat, reply to this email and we will try to find you one.

Keep an eye on your email Inbox Friday night, because we will be watching the weather, and may have to reschedule if it is not cooperating. Carroll County Airport (KTSO) is about 50nm south of Geauga County Airport with a restaurant right on the field. They make a good breakfast and great pie!

There are fly-outs planned for every open weekend for the rest of the flying season. You can find details in our calendar on the website.



#### MAY PROGRAM MEETING - HOW TO WEIGH AN AIRPLANE

This program will explain and demonstrate how to weigh an airplane and then use the numbers to develop your own Weight & Balance sheet.

Dinner starts at 6:00pm. This month, we're doing a pizza bar for dinner.

Please bring a salad, dessert, or anything else to go with if you can.

Due to the nature and logistics of this program we will not simulcast it on Zoom.

IMPORTANT: This meeting will be held at Portage County Airport (POV) where we will weigh Mark and Shane's RV-14.

If you're flying, take either of the two taxiways on the North side of the runway at POV and proceed to the absolute northwest corner of the hangar area.

Park on the edge of the ramp facing East.

If you're driving, turn into the northside hangar-condo area via Siwik Dr.

(first drive North of the main airport entrance).

Dog leg right at the Novak hangar then left at the condo sign.

Proceed West to the end of the road and turn right.

You should be at the Northwest corner of the hangar area.

Enter the hangar at the North end.



# MAY IMC/VMC CLUB THURSDAY, MAY 26

Do you utilize Flight Following to the best of its capabilities? How does an Approach Controller feel about using Flight Following? Come and join the discussion. We'll discuss planning, execution, and outcomes. Join the conversation, as we analyze a few reports, discuss "What would you do?" in the same situation.

We will gather as usual in Hangar 3 - coffee and conversation at 6:30pm meeting at 7:00pm. To join from home via Zoom, here are meeting credentials:

Topic: IMC/VMC club

Time: May 26, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82766624758?pwd=QW5zNXk3UXBsSjVaTXI1eVBHM

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Meeting ID: 827 6662 4758 Passcode: 540837



## **RECENT EVENTS**

Aviation insurance market presented by Avemco This was a very informative program put on by several members of Avemco senior management team. They explained the factors that drive insurance premiums and discussed strategies to keep costs down. We thank Avemco for making this program possible.

We also thank **Beth** and **Tony Debevec** who brought a wine and cheese table for all to enjoy. The refreshments sure made it easier to discuss insurance.





# FLY-OUT PROJECT VISIT



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# **NEW PLANES**

As mentioned earlier, **Josh Cerreta** showed up a week ago with a Sling Carbon. What is that you ask – well, it is a 2-place, all composite aircraft that is based on a Sling light-sport design. However, Josh's is certified as E-AB and has Retractable gear, a turbo'd Rotax engine, and a Ballistic Recovery Chute.

Long-time member, **Andrew Whiting** is now the caretaker of this new-to-him airplane. We're not going to identify it so we can have a little more "Mystery Airplane" fun like we did in last month's newsletter. If you know what it is, respond to this email with the make and model. This should be easy if you've been around 7G8 for more than a few years . . . .



#### **SUMMER YOUTH AVIATION CAMP**

Our campers are very excited about the first day of camp.

One of them even pointed out to me that we start camp on D-Day! Pretty observant! This year's camp is on track for a wonderful week in Aviation. A quick reminder to those who are on the Volunteer Staff to please complete the Youth Protection Training Program as soon as possible.

https://www.eaa.org/en/eaa/training/youth-protection-training

A big "shout-out" to **Katie Blake** for securing a substantial donation from her employer, MOOG Inc. "Thank you, MOOG Inc." You can learn more about MOOG on their website at: https://www.moog.com/

#### **AIR ACADEMY CAMPS**

You may remember that we have 4 campers who qualified for the Air Academy program waaaaaaayyyyy back in 2019... Well, after a long delay due to the pandemic, these campers are finally on their way to OSHKOSH for EAA Air Academy. They are Wesly Wilkes, Bridget Bellett, Luke Shipman and Liam Amundsen. They are all excited and we wish them a wonderful experience.

## **CHAPTER FUNDRAISER**

Each year the chapter runs a raffle to support chapter activities.
This year's prize is a custom mailbox.

Can you imagine being the talk of your neighborhood with your own custom-made mailbox in the shape of an airplane

(similar to the one pictured)?

What a statement to promote aviation at the same time as

supporting your chapter!

Other designs available. Tickets are \$5 each, 3 for \$10 and 8 for \$20.

Be sure to buy some tickets for yourself

and take some to sell.



#### YOUTH STATIONS AT THE PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

We are entering "Pancake Season" and Sherry would like your help manning the Youth Stations at our fly-ins. She has positions available to help bring joy to the little ones who attend the breakfasts. Dates include Saturday, June 4 at LNN and June 25 and September 17 at 7G8. Please let her know your availability and sign up for a shift to help. sherry.niederkorn23@gmail.com



#### **PILOTS NEEDED**

Students ages 8 to 17 are always talking about what it would be like to fly in an airplane. Let's help make their dreams come true by providing them with Young Eagle flights on June 4, June 11 (or 12), June 25 and September 17. Call or text our YE chairman, Ric Blamer at 216 509 8858

The 'big kids' (ages 18 and over) are also dreaming about flying and we'd like to provide them with Eagle Flights and a Mentor Pilot at our Flying Start Event on Sunday, August 28th.

#### **FLYING START EVENT**

On Sunday, August 28th we will offer our second Flying Start Event here at the airport. The last one was in 2020. This is a program for adults (ages 18 and over) who would like to learn to fly and possibly become a pilot themselves. We will have a social meet-and-greet at 1:00 pm followed by a classroom presentation at 1:30 pm. At 2:30 pm we would like to offer the attendees an Eagle Flights (similar to the Young Eagle flights, but on a more advanced level). We will need EAA 5 member pilots to serve as Mentor Pilots to these attendees. Save the date... August 28th for the Flying Start Event with Eagle flights.

#### **ADIRONDACK CHAIRS TO OSHKOSH!**

FAA is collecting personalized adirondack chairs from various chapters throughout the country and putting them on display at AirVenture OSHKOSH. It is quite the display and provides comfortable places to sit during AirVenture Week. We have a chair (courtesy of Shane Barker). Artists Rob Biro and his wife Cathy Pavia, are creating an illustration depicting life at the Geauga County Airport and putting it on the chair. Once it is finished, we will need help transporting the chair to OSH for AirVenture.

If you have a vehicle large enough to transport it, please let Tim Connor know.



#### **OSHKOSH AND PICNIC TABLES**

If you camped in the chapter campground last year, you know that picnic tables are at a premium. So let's take our own. We have plenty of 8 ft. tables, let's use them. If you can put a folding table in your camper, call or text Curtis at 216 280 3614

#### **OUR CHAPTER NEEDS SOME HELP!**

iPads - Do you have an old iPad cluttering up your desk drawer? Our Young Eagle program is looking for a few. YE headquarters has developed a few iPad apps to assist with the operation of Young Eagle rallies. A couple iPads would really help us streamline our process. They don't have to be new - older iPads will work just fine (even if the batteries are pretty weak.) If you could donate one, please drop it off to Ric Blamer at the airport or call him at: 216 509 8858 to answer any questions or arrange a drop off.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Important: These dates were accurate when they were published. Always check the EAA 5 online calendar for last minute changes at: https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa5/chapter-calendar

#### MAY

Extra program	03-May	Avemco Insurance presentation
Spring Fiesta	07-May	
Business Meeting	09-May	
Fly-out	14-May	Breakfast fly-out (TBD)
Program Meeting	16-May	Weight & balance demo
Fly-out	21-May	Dinner fly-out @ Primo Barone's (FKL)
VMC/IMC Meeting	26-May	
Fly-out	28-May	X-C to Wheeling WV

#### JUNE

YE & Pcakes @ LNN	04-June	
SYAC staff Mtg	05-June	
Summer camp 06,	/10-June	
Business Meeting	13-June	
Fly-out	18-June	Breakfast fly-out (TBD)
Solstice fly-out	21-June	
YE & Fly-in @ 7G8	25-June	

#### JULY

Fly-out/Project Visit	02-Jul	George Willard – Headwind
<b>Business Meeting</b>	11-Jul	
Fly-out	16-Jul	Breakfast fly-out (TBD)
Program Meeting	18-Jul	FAA Wings
Fly-out	25-Jul	Oshkosh (AirVenture)

#### **AUGUST**

Fly-out 06-Aug Wings and Wheels (LNN)

Business Meeting 08-Aug

Fly-out 13/14-Aug Props and pistons (AKR)

Program Meeting 15-Aug Search and Rescue w/USCG

Ice Cream Social 21-Aug

VMC/IMC Meeting 25-Aug

Fly-out 27-Aug X-C Lunch @ Tony Packos (TDZ)

Flying Start prog. 28-Aug

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Fly-out 03-Sep Hotdog fly-out (GKJ)
Fly-out 10-Sep Dinner fly-out (BKL)

Business Meeting 12-Sep

7G8 Airport day 17-Sep Airport day

IMC/VMC Meeting 22-Sep

Fly-out 24-Sep Island day fly-out (3W2)

#### **OCTOBER**

Fly-out 07-Oct WAD South (4G1)

Fly-out 07/08-Oct Dawn Patrol Rendezvous WPAFB (I19)

Business Meeting 10-Oct

Project Visit 13-Oct John Yochum - RV-14

Program Meeting 17-Oct FAA Wings

Clambake 21-Oct

VMC/IMC Meeting 27-Oct

#### **NOVEMBER**

Business Meeting 14-Nov IMC/VMC Meeting 19-Nov

Program Meeting 21-Nov Annual Meeting

#### **DECEMBER**

Program Meeting 03-Dec Xmas party

VMC/IMC Meeting 10-Dec Business Meeting 12-Dec

#### **VIDEO OF THE MONTH:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNlfIzCM3yo